



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 3715.0062-01

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Brigitte GICQUEL et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1636  
Application No.: 09/855,604 ) Examiner: Konstantina T. KATCHEVES  
Filed: May 16, 2001 )  
For: POLYPEPTIDE NUCLEIC ) Confirmation No.: 2574  
SEQUENCES EXPORTED FROM )  
MYCOBACTERIA, VECTORS )  
COMPRISING SAME AND USES )  
FOR DIAGNOSING AND )  
PREVENTING TUBERCULOSIS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of March 15, 2004. A fee of \$420.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

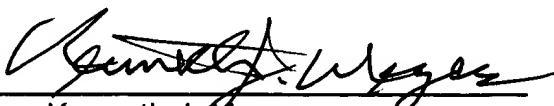
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Dated: August 16, 2004

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